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Letter dated 16 September 2011 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chair of the First Committee

I have the honour to inform you of the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 2nd plenary meeting of its sixty-sixth session, on 16 September 2011, pertaining to the allocation of items to the First Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the relevant parts of sections III and IV of the report of the General Committee (A/66/250) concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

May I also draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the same report. Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting.

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G. Disarmament

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    (d) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;
    (e) Towards an arms trade treaty: establishing common international standards for the import, export and transfer of conventional arms;
    (f) Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus;

(g) Transparency in armaments;

(h) Regional disarmament;

(i) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(j) Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context;

(k) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons and collecting them;

(l) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(m) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

(n) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;

(o) Nuclear disarmament;

(p) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;

(q) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments;

(r) Reducing nuclear danger;

(s) Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction;

(t) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;

(u) Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

(v) Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities;

(w) United action towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons;

(x) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*;

(y) Missiles.

14. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly [item 99]:

(a) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;

(b) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament;

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(d) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(e) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;

(f) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa.

15. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session [item 100]:

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(b) Report of the Disarmament Commission.

16. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East [item 101].

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